

# LPCA General Meeting Minutes - April 13th, 2022

## Held at Our Lady of Good Counsel

### Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- New Neighbor Introductions
- Treasurer Update:
  - \$68,318 - General Fund
  - \$3,258 - Dog Park
  - \$9,219 - Park Fund
  - Reminder: Venmo payments for \$5 annual memberships now accepted – The LPCA Treasurer's username is @LPCATreasurer on Venmo (business) or [treasurer@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:treasurer@mylocustpoint.org) on PayPal. Please add comments to any transactions for accounting purposes.
- As of April 13, 2022 the LPCA had 149 paid memberships.
- If there is desire to continue to support remote attendance after the return to in person meetings, please reach out to [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org) to voice your interest. The LPCA may look for a grant to continue supporting remote attendance.
- April Minutes Review/Vote:
  - A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion carried with no opposition or abstentions.

### Committee Reports/General Updates

#### Safety:

- COP Walks
  - The LPCA tries to have a walk once a month with the goal to identify areas in Locust Point that need attention. For example, on one walk the stretch of Fort from Bracuddas to Amber had no working lights. Most times a representative from the councilperson's office joins and sometimes the BPD will send an officer. This month the walk will be on April 18th @ 6 PM. Meet at the front of Latrobe Park.
- Updates from the BPD Southern District representative:
  - Officer Torres gave a 28 day summary of reports in the area. There were 3 stolen automobiles, 5 robberies, 2 burglaries, and 7 larceny from automobiles. This was down from the previous 28 days.
  - Major Velte has more patrols and they have changed the patrol profile to stay in the area for 15 minutes. The BPD is looking to bring back bike patrols.
  - Questions/Comments from the community:
    - Is there any update on the racing on Key Highway?

Crime analysts are trying to work out patterns for times and locations. Helicopter units monitor from the air and the BPD monitors several Instagram accounts used for organizing. There is a dirtbike ride out happening at Riverside this Saturday and the BPD is aware of it.
    - Twice the week there have been motorcycles running through stop signs on Hull Street between 5 and 7 PM.
    - Communication from the BPD has been much improved over the last 6 months, thank you and please continue

- The handicapped grip strips on the sidewalk at Fort & Decatur have come loose.

This is likely a DoT issue. Please report it on 311.

- Safety concerns can be sent to [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org).

### **Parks & Beautification:**

- Neighborhood Clean Up Day/Earth Day: April 23, 2022. This will include power washing and painting in the design for the longhouse mural.
- The tentative date for the Latrobe Park Plaque Dedication Ceremony is May 21, 2022 at 10AM. There will be 4 speakers.
- The Olmsted 200 committee has an email address. Contact [Olmsted200LP@gmail.com](mailto:Olmsted200LP@gmail.com) if you are interested in getting involved with the Olmsted 200 celebrations this year!
- If you are interested in joining the parks and recs committee in one of the targeted task forces, questions can be directed to [parksandbeautification@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:parksandbeautification@mylocustpoint.org).

### **Education & Schools:**

- The PTO will hold their Pasta Palooza fundraiser for FSK on April 23 from 4-8PM at the Knights of Columbus. Tickets are available on EventBrite. The event will sell out.
- On June 13th the 5th annual FSK/Federal Hill Prep Golf outing will be held at Woodlands. This is for the benefit of art programs. Tickets are available on Eventbrite. Please reach out for information on sponsoring a hole.
- Work to replace the playground is scheduled to start the 3rd week of June..
- The Harris Teeter vic cards program was restarted in August. Please link your Amazon Smile to FSK.
- School 1514 is what to link to if you go into Harris Teeter to sign up - must renew annually (Aug - May). If you register through LPCA, we will create a database of VIC numbers and automatically renew you in future years - either check the box on your membership form, or email VIC number to [jjrs10132007@gmail.com](mailto:jjrs10132007@gmail.com).

### **Social:**

- Poker Night at the Knights of Columbus – Tentatively on May 21st. Details to come in the next two weeks on social media and the website. An after-party will be held at the KoC.
- The LPCA Festival is tentatively scheduled for September 10, 2022 (pending permitting) – more information to be announced in May, and planning will start soon! Please reach out to the social committee if you are interested in helping.

### **UA Community Garden Updates**

- There were 24 people on this year's waitlist. The garden has added 22 new boxes. Thanks to UnderArmour and the LPCA for donating the funds for that expansion. With 26 new gardeners there are now 75 total gardeners.
- The garden added 2 new flower boxes in the front and 7 new rose bushes will go in on the Hull Street side. The pear trees are blossoming and they will be adding 5 blueberry plants (9 total).
- The bee hives have been moved to accommodate the new plots and the hives are to be split from 3 to 5.
- Questions can be directed to [locustpointcg@gmail.com](mailto:locustpointcg@gmail.com).

**Communications/Newsletter/Website:**

- If you would like to receive our emails, send a note to [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org) and like our page on Facebook for updates. Send any editorial ideas or interest in volunteering on the newsletter - [communication@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:communication@mylocustpoint.org).

**Community Improvement Grants:**

- A grant was approved for a mural by the community garden (\$1,259 for materials).
- These grants are available to the entire neighborhood. Projects may beautify, benefit, or otherwise enhance the community with a preference given to those ideas with lasting impact or creating broad new connections. Please consider submitting a grant to [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org). The grant form is available on the website <https://mylocustpoint.wordpress.com/about-the-lpca/community-improvement-grant/> and on Facebook.

**Design Review:**

- The LPCA has a 35K credit with a traffic engineering firm. The board would prefer to wait until some of the current construction is done and is recommending doing some mini studies to get volumes/density.
- Questions/Comments from the floor:
  - What does the study examine?

It will get counts at specific intersections but does not include speeds.

- There are concerns specifically surrounding speeding by buses and trucks on Fort Avenue.
- Is it possible for the people that live on Woodall & Stevenson to get the underground foundation study?

It was only certain homeowners and the specific addresses are listed in the MOU.

- Is there any update on the flooding concerns around Fort Ave and Lawrence Street?

Councilman Costello's office is aware of the issue. Please consider emailing the Councilman and reporting to 311.

- Race season is coming up and a list of upcoming events would be great.
- If residents see issues with the Banner Row development please notify the board.

**Dog Park:**

- No updates.

**New/Old Business**

## Website Updates

- The website has been overhauled so please take a look if you haven't in a while.  
<http://www.mylocustpoint.org>

## Meet and Greet: District 46 Delegate Candidates (Mark Edelson, Vince Andrews, Mekkah Mohammed)

- Two candidates are here tonight. One has rescheduled for May. Each candidate will be given 5 minutes to introduce themselves and their platform.
- Vince Andrews - <https://www.vinceandrewsforbaltimore.com/>
- Mark Edelson - <https://www.electedelson.com/>
- Questions were fielded by the candidates.
- The Primary Election was moved from June 28th to July 19th. There is still time to register.

## Updates Regarding Stevenson/Woodall Construction Timeline

- Permits have been acquired and construction is starting.
- The next step was going to be a meeting between the construction firm and DoT. This has changed and they will only meet if issues arise.
- If you notice any issue please reach out to the board.

## Community Announcements

- Dumpster dates have been scheduled for 2022:
  - May 21st
  - August 27th
  - December 3rd
  - The dumpster is dropped off at the corner of Andre & Fort in the morning (normally by 9 or 10AM). It is collected 4 hours later. Word is put out on social media when a time is confirmed (this happens the day of or possibly the night before).
- Steinweg Group Facility Tours
  - There is a Google Forms link to sign up for these tours on the website:  
<https://mylocustpoint.wpcomstaging.com/announcements/>
  - Steinweg will provide a few dates and they can accommodate up to 20 people per tour. There will be dates in April and May. The tours will likely be at 4PM on a weekday.
  - On the signup form you'll need to provide a name, address, and Driver's License Number for each person in your group (this is per federal regulations, not an LPCA request – the numbers will be checked onsite when you arrive for the tour).
  - Children under 10 are not allowed.
  - Dates are set for April 27th, May 17th, and June 23rd. The tours will begin at 4PM.
- May Meeting – “Annual Meeting” for elections to be held – please reach out if interested in joining the Board team!
- “I Love SoBo Day” hosted by the Peninsula Post – May 1, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the BMI Pavilion
- Defenders Day is currently planned for September 10th. There will be music and programming at the fort throughout the day and fireworks in the evening. This coincides with Fleet Week. There will not be an airshow but there will be flyovers of the inner harbor area.

### **Motion and Second to Adjourn the Meeting**

- Motion carries with no dissent.
- Reminder: The next meeting is May 11th, 2022 at 7:30 in the cafeteria of FSK!

**Adjourned 8:49 pm**